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As we pointed out last wk, there now is some evidence that our economic planners have gone "too far, too fast" in the matter of setting up credit curbs and in the allocation of certain mat'ls vital to the defense effort.

This was all part of a beautiful program tagged "economic balance." Gen'l idea was that increases in military production would offset the decline in civilian volume resulting from credit and mat'l restrictions. This is sound enough reasoning from the long-range point of view. The difficulty arises from the fact that it will take mo's to step up gov't spending in the defense realm. But the very moment you put curbs into effect, the loss is reflected in civilian volume. (Already, some mfrs report autos piling up on inventory; the used-car mkt is badly demoralized.) Vendors in other lines are wailing to High Heaven, or more accurately, to High Brass.

If this condition extends well beyond the 1st of the yr—and the probabilities are that it will—the resulting decline in business will be a factor to which the Administration must give thought.

There is not at present any pronounced sentiment for reducing our defense effort. The new Congress will be at least as strong for adequate defense as the 81st. But, tho it is admittedly awkward to do so, we may be obliged to relax curbs until the new defense program gets out of low gear.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Mrs ANNA M ROSENBERG, newly appointed Ass't Sec'y of Defense: "Men will talk more freely to a man than to another man, and when men talk freely 9 times out of 10 the misunderstanding will vanish." 1-Q

CHAS SAWYER, Sec'y of Commerce: "It is not our intention to put an embargo on any country. There are firms doing legitimate business with China. There is no reason why we should stop something that is perfectly harmless." 2-Q

Sir MOHAMMAD ZAFRULLAH KHAN, Pakistan's for'gn minister and UN delegate: "The 1/2 of the world's peoples who are ideologically unaccounted for may prove the balance of power in the global East-West struggle." 3-Q

WALTER S GIFFORD, U S ambassador to Britain: "Free enterprise is the only system of gov't in the world that is not on trial. If it is on trial, why is America being called upon to save the world from economic chaos?" 4-Q

ERLE COCKE, Jr, Nat'l Comdr of American Legion: "The sooner we serve notice on Soviet Russia that we will not fight any more satellites she elects to 'sic' on us . . . the better off we will be." 5-Q

W C Koo, Gov of FORMOSA, in interview with GORDON GAMMACK, news correspondent: "The U S has been wise and courageous in Korea and in assuming world leadership. You must meet (Red China's) strength with your strength. If you haven't got it, build it up, or the world will be lost." 6-Q

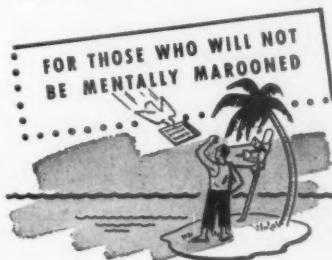
EDW A KRACKE, ass't prof of Chinese, Univ of Chicago: "Sometimes the Chinese don't start really fighting until the war is lost. But they are intensely patriotic when they are convinced the cause is right." 7-Q

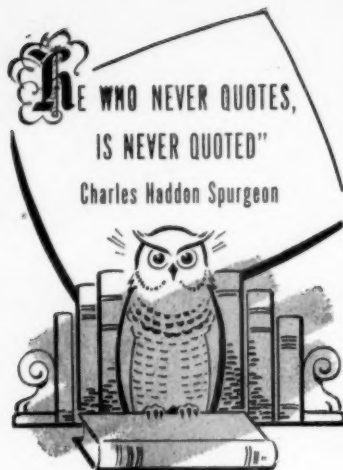
OSCAR L CHAPMAN, Sec'y of Interior: "The inadequate capacity to make steel puts the brake on our whole industrial machine and threatens both the nat'l defense program and the civilian economy." 8-Q

GUY TRIBBLE, Univ of Mich junior who has invented a mechanical brain: "It thinks like an idiot. I've worked and worked on it, but all it can do is add 1 and 1—in just a little less than half an hr." 9-Q

Sen ROB'T TAFT of Ohio: "Isolationist is simply a name. Anybody is an idiot who calls anybody else an isolationist. We can't be isolationists under present conditions." 10-Q

JAS WARBURG, former OWI official: "It is false to think the U S can reconstruct the world alone. Actually we have less than we think and the world has more than I thinks." 11-Q





ACCOMPLISHMENT—1

Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.—*Brake Shoe Yard-sticks.*

AGE—Youth—2

Regardless of how many or how few birthdays you've had, you're old if it takes you longer to rest than it does to get tired.—*Springfield Republican.*

AGRICULTURE—3

Nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ of the extra food it took to win the last war came from just 8 of our Midwest states! —JIM ROE, "Would Our Soil Win Another War?" *Successful Farming*, 11-'50.

ATTITUDE—4

When you come to the end of a perfect day, it simply means you had it in you when you started out in the morning.—*Better Homes & Gardens.*

AVIATION—5

Following the rhubarb about low-flying transport planes bothering people in E Denver, one pilot summed up the situation by saying: "It is unfortunate, but necessary, that takeoffs and landings of planes require a certain proximity to the earth."—*Denver Post.*

MAXWELL DROKE, Publisher



Droke House

BEHAVIOR—6

You always have to remember that your back yard may be someone else's front yard.—*Gilcrafter*, hm, Gilbert Paper Co.

BIBLE—7

This sign was seen in a Bible-seller's window in Paternoster Row: "Holy Scripture, Writ Divine, Leather bound at one and nine; Satan trembles when he sees Bibles sold as cheap as these."—*London Bookseller.*

BUSINESS—8

A bank last summer had a \$280 check drawn on it signed "Santa Claus." The bank refused to pay it but the bank's spokesman assured reporters that they didn't want to be put on the record as saying there isn't any Santa Claus. "Just say," he begged, "that Santa Claus has no acc't in our bank." — *Property*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

Christmas Monday

When Christmas Day is on Monday, as it is this yr, an old Irish verse gives this gloomy prospect:

Let Christmas Day on a Monday be,

And winter long and cold you'll see;

Whistling winds shall freeze your bones,

And farmers' men cry out in groans.

Spring, summer, autumns all shall show

How the tempest wild shall blow.

More men shall arm at battle's roar,

And cattle die than ere before.

—Ireland's Own. 9

CAPITALISM—10

Gwilym A Price, pres of Westinghouse Electric Corp'n says: "The chief trouble with our American capitalism is that there just aren't enough Americans who real-

ly believe in it. If we want to get anywhere in the next few yrs, we had better make some more capitalists. The job of creating capitalists, I believe, is one of the most important jobs that American business mgt faces today."—*American Business.*

CHARACTER—11

The test of an oak or a man: How sound is the heart.—*Reformatory Pillar.*

CHARITY—12

The noblest charity is to make man independent of charity.—*American Friend.*

CHILDREN—Guidance—13

The challenge of the mid-century is to find—for our own children and thru internat'l co-operation, for the children of the world—the means by which they can be helped to develop their fullest powers for creative living. Only in this way can we help to build the kind of world in which an enduring peace, with freedom and justice for all, will be achieved. —KATHERINE F LENROOT, "Children and Youth at Mid-century," *Jnl of Home Economics*, 11-'50.

CHRISTMAS—14

It is not even the beginning of Christmas unless it is Christmas in the heart.—RICHARD ROBERTS quoted in *Treasury of the Christian Faith* edited by STANLEY I STUBER & THOS CURTIS CLARK. (Ass'n Press)

COMMUNISM—15

Ten farmers from Bohemia have been fined about \$39,000 for failing to deliver their full quota of grain to the state and for careless work in the fields, a farmers' jnl reported. They were offered the alternative of 2 to 6 mo's in prison.—*Reuters.*

CONSCIENCE—16

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.—BENJ FRANKLIN.

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COURTESY—17

Courtesy is the lubricant of business.—*Employment Counselor*, hm, Employment Counselors Ass'n.

DEMOCRACY—18

Our founding fathers assumed that the majority of the people possess common sense. That was and is the whole theory of democracy—then as now. No one but people with common sense deserve democracy, and no people without common sense can preserve it long.—ERIC JOHNSTON, pres, Motion Picture Ass'n of America.

DIPLOMACY—19

Diplomacy is wanting to insult a man and letting him do it to you.—*Trumbull Cheer*, hm, Trumbull Electric Mfg Co.

EDUCATION—20

Statistics show that in '56 we will have as many pupils in the first 8 grades as we now have in all 12 grades.—*Phi Delta Kappan*.

EMOTION—21

Some folks will shed more tears over an onion than they would waste on human beings.—MUNDY SMITH, *Woman's Home Companion*.

EXCUSE—22

Alibi-ers make monkeys of themselves hanging by their slender tales.—P K THOMAJAN, *Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

FAITH—23

Intolerance is the natural concomitant of strong faith; tolerance grows only when faith loses certainty; certainty is murderous.—WILL DURANT, *Age of Faith*. (Simon & Schuster)

FEAR—24

There is no sin or crime greater than being afraid. A man or woman gripped with fear is capable of committing any crime—and this applies to nations as well.—JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, Prime Minister of India.

FOOD—Costs—25

Average white-collar family of 4 in \$3,960 income bracket spend \$1,115 yearly on food; wage earner family at \$4,080 spends \$1,130; family of exec at \$25,000 spends \$2,100. So concludes a MacFadden Publications survey. — *Food Field Reporter*.

GIFTS—Giving—26

"I'm so worried about the Christmas present I sent to Aunt Sarah," said a weary Christmas shopper. "It only cost 49¢ and I'm afraid I left the price mark on the thing when I sent it."

"I'm worried, too," confided her friend. "I bought one that cost \$50 for my uncle, and I am afraid I did not leave the price mark on it!"—*Watchman-Examiner*.

They say . . .

New yuletide novelty, previewed by CEDRIC ADAMS, is attached to trunk of Christmas tree. Device makes tree shimmy imperceptibly, causing tinsel and ornaments to dance and sparkle . . . Aircraft Industries Ass'n reveals speed of combat aviation is roughly 200 mph greater than in World War II . . . Graveyard shift: *Wall St Jnl's* London correspondent, A E JEFFCOAT, says communist E German Ministry of Supply is requisitioning metal coffins in city graveyards. Replaced by wooden coffins, metal ones are melted down for Industry's 5-Yr-Plan. And, notes *Scientific American*, Americans spend \$700 million a yr for funerals—more than they do as patients in hospitals.

GLUTTONY—27

Alcoholics have an "Alcoholics Anonymous" to help curb their compulsive hungers. We should form a "Calories Anonymous" to help the over-eaters keep within proper weight limits. The dangers of overindulgence are just as great in either case.—Dr EDW H RYNEARSON, of Mayo Clinic.

GOD—and Man—28

The mad pursuit of personal happiness makes the faithless man consider no higher obligation than his own desires.—GERALD KENNEDY, *The Lion and the Lamb*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

GOVT—29

To blame the gov't for the idiocy it displays is actually blaming ourselves. We are the gov't.—GAIL BROOK BURKET, "Going In Circles Is a Good Idea," *Matriz*, 10-'50.

HAPPINESS—30

In one of his novels, Jas Lane Allen makes one of his characters

say: "Happiness is a great love, a great trust, and much service." If we would love the beautiful world which is our home, and its still more beautiful people; if we would trust the goodness of both, and keep busy at some useful work, happiness would come as a by-product. It would no longer be an unclaimed blessing.—*KVP Philosopher*.

HEALTH—31

As we understand the doctors, you can live much longer if you quit everything that makes you want to.—*R & R Mag*, hm, Ins Research & Review Service.

HOME—32

It takes 100 men to make an encampment, but one woman can make a home.—R G INGERSOLL, *Good Housekeeping*.

HUMAN NATURE—33

A man doesn't pay much attn to his creditors. But he notices every move made by his debtors.—LUKE MCLUKE, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

IDEOLOGY—34

I am willing to eat canned meat from the U S. The ideologies which accompany it I leave on the plate.—LEO LONGANESI, *Reden Wir vom Elephanten*. (Published in Europe. QUOTE translation)

INCOME—Expenditure—35

Fifteen billion dollars of nat'l income goes every yr into the garbage pail in the form of liquor, narcotics, gambling, sex mag's, and other things which undermine the health and the employability of people.—ROGER BABSON, statistician.

JUDGMENT—36

Don't blame bad luck for all your troubles. Bad luck usually is the outcome of bad judgment.—*Hoard's Dairyman*.

JOURNALISM—37

One of the rules for the newly organized Pakistan Fed'l Union of Journalists is this: "In obtaining news or pictures, reporters and press photographers should do nothing that will cause pain or humiliation in innocent, bereaved or otherwise distressed persons. News, pictures and documents should be acquired by honest methods only." — *Morning News*. (Dacca, Pakistan)



Yuletide Prayer ROY F SOULE

As long as mortals have the nerve
To pray for things they don't de-
serve;

As long as conscience has a stain,
The prayers of men will be in vain.

So, humbly, Lord, we ask of Thee
That princely gift—sincerity.
And may we use it thru life's span
To build on earth a better man.

And should we crave for gifts more
royal,
Please make us, God, a bit more
loyal,
That we may give to those we
serve
A measure full as they deserve.

And make us rich with eager zest
To give our work the very best,
To know the wheat, reject the
chaff,
To have the nerve to stand the
gaff.

O Lord, in mercy intervene
To keep our hearts both young
and clean,
The will to give a man a lift:
Make this, O God, our Christmas
gift.—Nuggets, hm, Barnes-Ross
Company.

LEADERSHIP—38

Leadership is a very subtle thing, and while competence is of its essence, it is not all: it is competence and character, and where competence has been gained by dire struggle there may be a danger that the character is impaired.—FREDERIC EVANS, "Selection of Army Officers," *Quarterly Review* (London), 10-'50.

LIFE—39

In 20 min's the vaudeville actor must make good—or fail. In the great vaudeville of the Universe your little act and mine will average only about 60 yrs—much less time, comparatively, than the ac-

tor has in which to make an impression.

So we must put our best into our "turn" if we want to stand well with the Booking Office at the end of the season. — JERRY P FLEISHMAN, *Forbes*.

MARRIED LIFE—40

In the courts, a man is presumed innocent until proved guilty; but in the household he's convicted on suspicion. — *Townsend Nat'l Wkly.*

MODERN AGE—41

It's a bit of knowledge that when grandma was a girl she did not do the things that girls do today . . . but, too, grandma did not do the things that grandmas do today.—*Leader*, (Bridgeport, Ill)

OCCUPATION—42

"My business is looking up," said the astronomer. "My business is going up in smoke," stated the tobacconist. "Mine's all write," announced the author. "Just sew, sew," commented the seamstress and tailor. "Mine's growing," chuckled the farmer. "Well, ours is pretty light," admitted the electric light concern. "Picking up, with me," the street cleaner told us. "And mine," proclaimed the occultist, "is looking better."—JOHN A FERRALL, *Volta Review*.

ORIGIN: Sage—43

Sage used in Christmas turkey has a traditional connotation. It's an ancient seasoning and has been esteemed thru the ages. Our medieval ancestors believed that eating this spice would make wise men—hence the name Sage.—EDYTH RADOM, *Hartford Courant Magazine*.

PEACE—44

Peace is not the easy road. It is not the safest road. It is not the coward's way, or the bully's, or the clod's. It is the way of men who know how painfully it moves, but who will not turn back.—RABBI ARNOLD JACOB WOLF, Temple Emanuel, Chicago, *New Outlook*.

PERSERVERANCE—45

A man, on his way home from work, was alarmed to hear the neighbors' young son yelling lustily in the front yard. When he asked the trouble, the boy said, "Oh, Mom and Dad won't take me to the movies tonight."

"But why make so much noise about it?" asked the man. "They don't change their minds about things just because you yell like that, do they?"

"Sometimes they do," repl'd the youngster, "and sometimes they don't. But it ain't no trouble to yell."—*Good Business*.

POLITICS—46

There are two political parties in this country, not because there are two sides to every question, but because there are two sides to every office—outside and inside. —*Re-saw*.

RACE—47

The brilliant Negro poet, Anne Spencer, of Lynchburg, Va, commented wryly, "We are a third of the population in everything else—except benefits." When someone spoke of the dogma of race which underlies such inequality, Mrs Spencer added, "Did you ever study the word dogma and realize that, spelled backwards, it is 'Am God'?"—WALTER L WHITE, sec'y, NAACP, *Detroit Free-Press*.

RELIGION—48

A rootless religion will be a fruitless religion.—LYNN H HOUGA, "Christianity Is Living Religion," *Pastor*, 11-'50.

RESOURCEFULNESS—49

As the choir went singing down the aisle toward the benediction, one of the altos caught her heel in the register. A gallant bass, following after, picked up the shoe and the register with it. The next

Modern Fable

A loud, noisy and particularly objectionable skunk, obsessed by its own prominence and the att'n paid to it, challenged a lion to single combat. The challenge was promptly and emphatically declined by the lion.

"Huh!" sneered the skunk, "you are afraid to fight!"

"No," ans'd the lion, "but why should I fight you? You would gain fame from fighting me, even tho I gave you the worst licking of your life, as I would do. How about me tho? I couldn't possibly gain anything by defeating you, while on the other hand, everyone whom I met for a mo would know I had been in the company of a skunk."—*Chicago Purchaser* 50

man fell into the hole and the preacher came along and pulled him out. Later the preacher admitted he had made a quick change in benedictions. He had had in mind the one beginning, "Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling..."—KATHRYN McAFEE PARKER, "We Go to Church Every Sunday," *Presbyterian Life*, 11-11-'50.

RUSSIA—51

So it is that altho the war was fought to destroy Prussianism, all that it has succeeded in doing is eliminate its initial letter.—*South-ern Cross*. (Adelaide, Australia)

SAFETY—Safe Driving—52

This sign is posted outside the little town of Viechtach, Bavaria: "If you drive carefully, you will be able to drive PAST our fine, new hospital."—*Neue Illustrierte*, Cologne, Germany. (QUOTE translation)

SELF—Analysis—53

Make sure that however good you may be, you have faults; that however dull you may be, you can find out what they are; and that however slight they may be, you had better make some patient effort to get rid of them.—*Union Signal*, published by WCTU.

SECRECY—54

I hear the Army's up to its old top-secret tricks. They send a gen'l a document marked "Ultra-secret, Burn before reading," and he crawls under the bed with it. Then the paper boy brings the morning paper with the secret stuff boldly headlined across the front page.—HARLAN MILLER, *Des Moines Register*.

SECURITY—Nat'l—55

This whole business of proving an organization a Communist front by legal processes poses an impossible task. It involves proving what men think. How can such an illusive thing be proved when it is difficult in criminal courts of law to prove such relatively concrete things as what men did?—*Milwaukee Jnl*.

SERVICE—56

You can't get sugar and furniture out of a maple tree at the same time.—*Service for Employee Publications*, published by Nat'l Ass'n of Mfrs.

SPEECH—57

Anyone who lets his tongue go into the wholesale business will soon drive his mind into bankruptcy.—*Missionary Tidings*.

SUSPICION—58

Searching the pockets before sending her husband's suit to the cleaners, a housewife found a piece of paper with a phone number on it. Aha, she asked herself, what's this? She dialed the number 3 times, got busy signals until she noticed that the number in the center of the dial was the same as she was dialing. Her husband had made a memo of the number after they had moved to the new address.—*Ind Telephone News*, hm, Ind Bell Telephone Co.

Our Christmas

Whence cometh Christmas? It began
When Love sent Love as Gift to man.
The day is love. Then we, thru art
And emblem, testify our love of heart.
Yet they mistake who tell that once each yr
Is sole recurrence of this day of cheer,
For hearts and homes where love, unselfed, is found
Keep Christmas every day the whole yr round.—EMMA READE, Arkansas Methodist. 59

TAXES—60

Before World War II about 4 million Americans paid an income tax. After the war began, according to a 20th Century Fund report, the number rose to above 40 million. Now it is around 56 million.—*Birmingham News*.

TEMPER—61

To lose your temper always brings regrets. To keep it, never.—MONICA DICKENS, in collaboration with BEVERLY NICHOLS, *Yours Sincerely*. (Geo Newnes, London)

TEMPTATION—62

Most of us keep one eye on the temptation we pray not to be led into.—*Brushware*.

THOUGHT—63

A lot of people get thru thinking before they think things thru.—HOWARD W NEWTON, *Adv'g Agency*.

UNITED NATIONS—64

Sen Lodge, of Mass, points out that the U S pays 40% of the UN budget while Russia pays only 7%. This is one of many tidbits of information which are never broadcast by Radio Moscow.—*Kansas City Star*.

VALUES—65

During the filming of "Black Rose" in French Morocco, director Henry Hathaway asked the Caliph of Marrakesh for permission to film a scene in the courtyard of one of his beautiful palaces.

"Certainly," the Caliph graciously agreed.

When director Hathaway explained it would be necessary to cut down one of the fine old trees in order to get cameras, lights and other necessary movie equipment into the courtyard, the Caliph shook his sage old head and countered, "No, let's cut down the wall instead."

"But that will take so much time and so many men," Hathaway argued.

"Yes," the Caliph agreed, "we have plenty of time and plenty of men to replace the wall, but we can never replace the tree."—IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter*.

WAR—66

It is not a preventive war that is needed; it is a prevented war.—TRACY D MYGATT, *Missions*.

WOMEN—67

In London, O D Rasmussen, who has gazed into women's eyes the world over, said that women of Britain's upper middle class have the most beautiful orbs. He sized up other women's eyes this way: French, a certain hardness; German, too staring; Russian, not intelligent enough; American, too intelligent.—*Baltimore Sun*.

WORLD AFFAIRS—68

In spite of all evidence to the contrary, the things that divide the world are trivial as compared with the things that unite it.—RAYMOND FOSDICK, former pres, Rockefeller Foundation.

WORRY—69

Little worries are mental, great worries intestinal.—GEO COULTER, *Picture Post*. (London)

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

A Detroit reservist had just finished filling out his draft questionnaire. Turning it over he printed in large black letters on the back of it: "PLEASE do not open until Christmas." — JOHN CARLISLE, columnist, quoted in *Quick*. a

" " During rescue operations in a flooded area of the Midwest this summer, a plane pilot reported signal lights flashing from an isolated homestead. He radioed the news to hdqrs and a boat crew was dispatched to aid the family in distress. Crew came back empty-handed, however. The home owner explained that he'd simply been blinking a flashlight to guide neighbors arriving in rowboats to see a television show.—*This Wk. b*

" " Some men are known for their deeds; others for their mortgages.—Highways of Happiness. " "

The wife of a movie studio king called on the wife of an underling making only \$50,000 a yr. "How chic," she cried. "A black telephone!" — BILL VAUGHN, *Kansas City Star*. c

" " The sexton had been laying the new carpet on the pulpit platform and had left a number of tacks scattered on the floor. "See here, James," said the parson, "what do you suppose would happen if I stepped on one of those tacks: right in the middle of my sermon?"

"Well, sir," repl'd the sexton, "I reckon there'd be one point you wouldn't linger on."—*Watchman-Examiner*. d

" " "Are you going to hang any mistletoe in your house this yr, Mandy?" asked the Mistress.

Mandy sniffed in disdain. "No ma'am! I got too much pride to advertise for the ordinary courtesies a lady's got a right to expect."—*Better Crops*. e

" " It was an indignant postman who lowered his sack at the end of the day. "If some people don't take the cake," he exclaimed to his co-workers.

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

BETTY SMITH
Author

Whenever my husband, Jos Piper Jones, and I are traveling, we have a system for signing hotel registers. If our trip is in connection with my literary endeavors, we use my name. If it's just a pleasure jaunt we use my husband's name.

One night, however, the issue was not quite clear. With his pen poised over the register, my husband turned to me and asked, "What name shall we use tonight, dear—Smith or Jones?"

Hastily, the hotel clerk assured us that every single room was taken. — BENNETT CERF, *Sat Review of Literature*.

"What's the matter?" asked one of them.

"That new woman on my route," he snorted, "told me that if she doesn't get her letters earlier in the morning, she'll get them from another mailman!"—P L ANDARR, *Advance*, hm, *Advance Publishing Company*. f

" " Not until middle age is a man likely to take more than one view of things, and then he is probably wearing bifocals. —Better Homes & Gardens.

" " At the Christmas decorations counter in a Des Moines store, a woman startled the mgr by trying on all the Christmas wreaths. After she decided that the most becoming was a ring of holly, pine cones and red ribbon, she explained that she had to wear a mad Christmas hat to a holiday party.—ELEANOR CLARKSON ZWART, *Des Moines Register*. g

" " Soon after they arrived in the theater the young lady asked to be excused to repair her make-up. After looking around for a while she found the place she wanted,

altho the dresser was of the 1900 era which surprised her. There was no one else there except the attendant. The young lady made up her face carefully, arranged her coiffure, straightened the seams of her stockings, and ret'd to her escort. The play had already begun.

"What happened?" she asked in a low voice.

"You ought to know," he repl'd coldly. "You were right there on stage."—*Everybody's*. (London) h

" " Ole Santa is pretty good, but mother nature tops him at filling stockings.—Harvester, hm, *Internat'l Harvester Co*.

" " Rise Stevens' husband, Walter Surovy, tells this story. When they were wed here a decade ago, he was a non-English speaking Hungarian actor. They told him to say "I do" to everything. When the marriage officer said, "Is there anybody present who knows any reason these parties should not be married?" he boomed out his only English expression, "I do!"—EARL WILSON, *Post-Hall Syndicate*. i

" " At the Earl's Court Motor Show a Britisher asked a salesman how he could get early delivery of one of the new models.

The answer: "Emigrate!"—*Daily Telegraph*. (London) j

" " For a short winter just sign a note this fall payable next spring.—Kroehler News, hm, *Kroehler Mfg Co*.

" " A country storekeeper who could not write, had his own methods of keeping his accounts.

"Say, Jed," he said one day to a customer, "don't forget you owe me for that cheese you got a couple of mo's ago."

"I never bought a cheese from you," repl'd the customer. "It must have been some other fellow."

"Wait a min," repl'd the store-

keeper, "I'll take another look at the book. That's right, Jed, you don't owe me for a cheese. It was a grindstone you got, I didn't see the dot I had put in the middle of the picture."—*Christian Science Monitor.* **k**

" "
 Santa Claus is one man who has plenty of sock appeal.—**CAREY WILLIAMS, Publishers Syndicate.** " "

A one-time pro-Communist student at the nat'l Fuhtan Univ at Shanghai wrote in a Hong Kong newspaper that he had been imprisoned by the Communists for 12 days. The crime: quoting Shelley's *Ode to the West Wind*.—*Pathfinder.* **l**

" "
 A telephone operator was commended recently by a phone subscriber. In a playful mood he had asked for the number, "6-natural-natural-natural." The operator put him thru to 6777—with no questions asked.—*Long Lines, hm, American Telephone & Telegraph Co.* **m**

Christmas Program

He stood there all alone before the crowd,
Upon a wooden box to make him tall.
A frightened little boy, yet also proud
That he was brave enough to face them all.
He swallowed hard to take the lump away
That seemed to lodge so firmly in his throat.
And in his boyish heart he tried to pray;
In panic, lest the other boys should gloat.
The hush that settled down to wait his word
Was broken by a shaking treble voice.
"For unto you is born this day," we heard,
And then—in stronger tones—"Let all rejoice."
No battle fought by men was ever worth
The battle of the boy with "Peace on earth." — **GWEN ROBERTS BOYER, Moody Monthly.** **n**

"Is there any legend about that mountain?" asked the tourist of a native.

"Yep," was the reply. "Two lovers once went up the mountain and never came back again."

"Is that so? And what happened to them?" the tourist inq'd breathlessly.

"Went down t'other side."—*Floorcraft, hm, Floorcraft Publishing Co.* **o**

" "
 "Now, Tommy," said his mother, giving her final instructions before he left for the Christmas party. "remember, if you're asked to have something you want, you must say, 'Yes, thank you,' and if you don't want it—"
 Tommy raised his hand. "That's all right, Ma," he said. "You need not bother about that part of it!" —*Arkansas Baptist.* **p**

" "
 Gizmo: A gimmick that's better educated than a gadget. —*Detroit.* " "

A gal was given a check by her boyfriend. The check bounced back with the inscription, "Insufficient fun."—*HERB STEIN, Hollywood Reporter.* **q**

" "
 A salesman stopped at the house and tried to sell Grandpa one of the new hearing aid devices.

"Don't need it," Grandpa said, "I hear more now than I can understand."—*Truckers News, (Walkerton, Ind)* **r**

" "
 The yr's incidents in eastern Europe, Asia, etc, reveal in its stark entirety the Soviet for'gn policy: The iron hand, combined with the boarding house reach.—*Denver Post.* " "

After listening to a perfunctory rendering of *Good King Wenceslas*, I heard a knock at my door last Christmas Eve. On the doorstep I found a small boy who said not a word. To break the ice, I said: "Good evening." This produced no reaction so, after a bit, I said: "You haven't wished me a merry Christmas." This broke down his reserve. He said. "I do that after I'm paid."—*Yorkshire (England) Post.* **s**



AUTOMOBILE—Accessories: "Ventray," new ash disposal, fits on auto vent window. Small slot at bottom allows flow of air to pass thru, constantly emptying unit as used. Made of flame-resisting plastic, back is coated with heavy-duty adhesive base that sticks to auto vent windows. (*Automotive Retailer*) " "

BEACH—Equipment: Combination dressing-room and shower bath, collapsible affair easily carried to beach under the arm, has just been patented. (*Grit*) " "

MONEY: Fare-collecting is simplified with "Grant Electrofarer," gadget that takes any combination of coins, sounds musical notes signifying what coins have been deposited, flashes dollar total of same, then shoots coins into unique dispenser. Also flashes warning for slugs. Money-Meters, Inc, 17 Warren St, Providence, R I. (*Forbes*) " "

SAFETY DEVICES: Overheated flues can be checked with device called Automatic Watchman, which shows when to adjust or clean furnace. Sambekg Mfg Co, Fidelity Bldg, Cleveland. (*Business Wk*) " "

STATIC: Anti-static liquid, to treat all kinds of plastic phonograph records, will keep them dust-free and eliminate cracking noise and static electricity. It may be used on television magnifier lenses to stop static-caused dust attraction. (*Science News Letter*) " "

WRITING—Aids: Illuminated pencil is helpful to reporters, doctors, others obliged to write in semi-darkness. Miniature battery and bulb lights point of pencil, sheds light on paper also. Mfr'd by Werner Borsch, Frankfort-on-Main, Germany. (*Echo, Paris.* *QUOTE translation*)

Quote CALENDAR

December 4-11 Hanukkah (Jewish Feast of Lights)

December 3

- 1552—d St Francis Xavier, Spanish missionary to India, Japan
- 1755—b Gilbert Stuart, American painter
- 1818—ill admitted to Union
- 1894—d Rob't Louis Stevenson, Scottish author
- 1910—d Mary Baker Eddy, founder Christian Science

December 4

- 1584—b John Cotton, English-born Puritan preacher
- 1642—d Cardinal Richelieu, French prelate, statesman
- 1732—d John Gay, English poet, playwright
- 1795—b Thos Carlyle, Scottish essayist, historian
- 1835—b Sam'l Butler, English satirist

December 5

- 1782—b Martin Van Buren, 8th U S Pres
- 1791—d Wolfgang A Mozart, Austrian composer
- 1830—b Christina Rossetti, English poet
- 1839—b Geo A Custer, American army officer
- 1870—d Alexandre Dumas, (elder) French author
- 1901—b Walt Disney, American artist, producer
- 1931—d Vachel Lindsay, American poet

December 6

- 1788—b Richard H Barham (Thos Ingoldsby), English humorist
- 1857—b Jos Conrad, Polish-born English novelist
- 1863—b Chas M Hall, American chemist
- 1882—d Anthony Trollope, English novelist
- 1886—b Joyce Kilmer, American poet
- 1889—d Jefferson Davis, pres, Confederate States of America

December 7

- BC 43—d Marcus Cicero, Roman orator, statesman
- 1787—Delaware 1st state to ratify Constitution
- 1876—b Willa Cather, American author
- 1941—Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor
- 1947—d Nicholas Murray Butler, American educator

December 8

- BC 65—b Horace, Roman poet
- 1542—b Mary, Queen of Scots
- 1765—b Eli Whitney, American inventor
- 1832—b Bjornsterne Bjornson, Norwegian author
- 1859—d Thos De Quincey, English author
- 1865—b Jean Sibelius, Finnish composer
- 1903—d Herbert Spencer, English philosopher

December 9

- 1594—b Gustavus II, King of Sweden
- 1608—b John Milton, English poet
- 1848—b Joel Chandler Harris, American author
- 1874—d Ezra Cornell, American financier, philanthropist

* Indicates relevant mat'l on this page.

NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER*

One of the embarrassments of being a gentleman is that you are not permitted to be violent in asserting your rights.

SAM'L BUTLER*

How holy people look when they are seasick!

THOS CARLYLE*

Illustrating the illegibility of Carlyle's handwriting, the story is told of a type compositor who was employed by a London printing office because of a strong recommendation which he brought from Scotland. The 1st work given him to set was by Carlyle.

"Great Scott!" said the new typesetter. "Have you that man here, too? I fled Scotland to avoid him!"—*Labor*.

WILLA CATHER*

Whatever is felt upon the page without being specifically named there—that, one might say, is created. It is the inexplicable presence of the thing not named.

JOHN GAY*

I must have women—there is nothing that unbends the mind like them.

HORACE*

A picture is a poem without words.

JOYCE KILMER*

Pray that I may love God more. It seems to me that if I can learn to love God more passionately, more constantly, without distraction, that absolutely nothing else can matter.

JOHN MILTON*

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as is the sunbeam.

WOLFGANG A MOZART*

A young man asked Mozart how to compose a symphony. Mozart said: "You are a very young man—why not begin with ballads?"

The aspirant urged: "You composed symphonies when you were 10 yrs old."

"Yes," repl'd Mozart, "but I did not ask how."—*Hjemmet*. (Copenhagen)

CARDINAL RICHELIEU*

If you give me 6 lines written by the most honest man, I will find something in them that will hang him.

HERBERT SPENCER*

Volumes might be written on the impiety of the pious.

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... Scientific eyes
There's machinery in the butterfly;
There's a mainspring in the bee;
There's hydraulics to a daisy
And contraptions to a tree.
If we could see the birdie
That makes the chirping sound
With psychoanalytic eyes—
With X-ray scientific eyes—
We could see the wheels go round.
And I hope all men that think
like this will soon be underground!—*VACHEL LINDSAY**

ROB'T LOUIS STEVENSON*

He is a green hand at life who cannot forgive any mortal thing.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE*

In these days a man is nobody unless his biography is kept so far posted up that it may be ready for the nat'l breakfast-table on the morning after his demise.

MARTIN VAN BUREN*

The sober second thought of the people is seldom wrong.

